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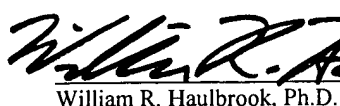
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The review is requested for the reason(s) stated on the attached sheet(s).

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COMMENTS ON PRE-APPEAL BRIEF REQUEST FOR REVIEW

This paper is submitted along with a Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review in accordance with the Official Gazette Notice dated July 12, 2005, and a Notice of Appeal in response to the Office action mailed by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on August 24, 2006. A check for payment of the fee for filing the Notice of Appeal is submitted herewith. Applicants believe that no additional fee is required for this submission to be entered. However, please consider this a conditional petition for the proper extension, if one is required, and a conditional authorization to charge any related extension fee, or any other fees, necessary for entry of this submission to Deposit Account No. 07-1700.

Applicants' **Remarks** begin on page 2 of this paper.

REMARKS

The Examiner has improperly rejected all pending claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). The Examiner fails to make *prima facie* rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Specifically, a claim element that is clearly not present in applied art is not included in the Examiner's analysis.

Each of the pending independent claims 105 and 152 recites the limitation, "an internal biological sample, ... said sample not surgically exposed". The Examiner fails to show where this limitation allegedly appears in the cited art.

In the 8/24/06 Office Action, the Examiner alleges that U.S. Patent No. 6,424,852 (**Zavislan**) teaches, "The tissue can be internal biological tissue as disclosed in column 7, lines 34-47." However, the Examiner does not allege anywhere in the Office Action that **Zavislan** teaches or suggests an internal biological tissue not surgically exposed. Furthermore, all of the rejections cite a combination of references, all including **Zavislan**.

Zavislan describes a device for examination of the skin. **Zavislan** does not teach or suggest "an internal biological sample, ... said sample not surgically exposed". Even if one could argue the few lines of **Zavislan** dealing with "internal tissues" (col. 7, lines 45-47) enables one to use its skin examination device to examine a surgically-exposed cervix (such surgical exposure being necessary, as admitted at lines 45-47 of **Zavislan**, given the device described therein), this would still not teach or suggest scanning "regions of an internal biological sample ... said sample not surgically exposed," [emphasis added] as recited in each of independent claims 105 and 152.

Applicants further point to arguments already of record in Applicants' Amendment and Response of December 23, 2004, at page 9-10.

According to the MPEP, to establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness, the prior art reference (or references when combined) must teach or suggest all the claim limitations. See MPEP, Eighth Edition, Rev. Oct. 2005, § 2143. Applicants submit that there is clear error in the Examiner's rejections and that the Examiner fails to establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness by not showing how the cited art allegedly teaches or suggests the claim element, "an internal

biological sample, ... said sample not surgically exposed", which is common to both of the pending independent claims, claims 105 and 152.

Applicants respectfully assert that none of the cited art teaches or suggests the combination of elements recited in either claim 105 or claim 152, and that these claims are patentable in light of the cited art. Thus, all the dependent claims are patentable as well, at least for this reason, and a Notice of Allowance should be issued.

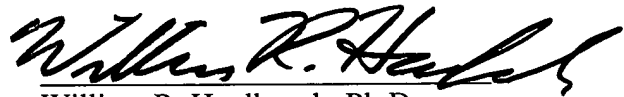
CONCLUSION

We respectfully submit that, as set forth in the foregoing remarks, there is clear error in the Examiner's rejections.

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